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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

Thanks for your response to my request for concise information about what the committee is doing, how well it is doing, and how it might do better. The committee has tackled an impressive array of subjects during 1983 and it is my impression that the quality of these products is generally high and demonstrates a gratifying thoroughness in approach. I had a good discussion last week with Julian Nall and the DDCI on the subjects covered in your memo, notably how we can reach outside the community to get additional input on areas critical to NIE 11-12 where we are not sufficiently covered in the community. We also discussed the subject of overt data. I am sure that Julian has discussed this with and that his ideas on moving forward, which I support, will be pretty much in line with those of the committee and its chairman and groups. Your work is important and we certainly should be able to beef up the clerical staff to get the work out efficiently.

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